



Alfred George (Fred) Tourangeau

February 25, 1939 - December 21, 2024

Alfred G. (Fred) Tourangeau, 85, passed away December 21, 2024, in Traverse City, MI.

Born

on February 25, 1939, in Marquette, Michigan, Fred spent his formative years in Detroit-Redford, Michigan. He was a proud graduate of Redford High School, Class of 1957.

In 1958, Fred answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Air Force. He

served with honor and commitment until his discharge in 1961.

Following his time in the military, Fred married Barina Beyer, in November 1965. Together, they built a life in Union Lake, Michigan, and were blessed with two children, April, and Andrew Tourangeau, Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred J. Tourangeau and Margaret D'Amour Tourangeau, as well as his brother, James L. Tourangeau. His memory will be cherished by his children, his two nephews, John and Jim Tourangeau, and his niece, Ellen Tourangeau Doppke.

Fred's warmth, wisdom, and steadfast presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Lions Club of Michigan, honoring Fred's lifelong spirit of generosity and service.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Fred & I go back to our days at Lowe's. I only worked there a short time but he stuck it out and ran the plumbing dept. We always kept in touch and even played Euchre at different locations. When I moved to Florida I would call him at least once a month and we would chew the fat. I will miss those calls. My condolences to the family
Don Kempa

Don Kempa - January 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

AT

Thank you Don, he loved to chew the fat!

April Tourangeau - January 05, 2025 at 09:26 AM

LZ

Don,
I'm not sure if you were there when I was there but I was hired in as the plumbing team leader and had no idea what I was doing. Derf made me feel comfortable learning what I needed to know over in rough plumbing from how to cut/thread pipe, know the difference between all kinds of pipes, how to install an irrigation system, so many things that helped me at my job and also in my own home repairs. I always wanted to go play cards with him. I am glad you continued a friendship after Lowe's. He was so good to that store, they didn't treat him right in the end at all. Take care,
Laura Zann

Laura Zann - January 22, 2025 at 10:12 AM

LZ

I met Derf at Lowe's where I started one of the best friendships of my life. He taught me so much to help me be a good leader in our department. We could talk about anything and everything and I did cuz I can talk and talk. I loved hearing stories about his him and all the things he did in his life. He was my biggest supporter to get out of a very bad relationship with my kids' dad who almost ran Fred over in the Lowe's parking lot. He saw me at my worst and best and never judged me, he helped me in my recovery, he made me laugh when I just wanted to cry. I will miss him for forever. My condolences to April and Andy.

Laura Zann - January 22, 2025 at 10:47 AM